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Senate passes Oregon CHIPS Bill on Bipartisan Vote

SALEM – Today, the Oregon Senate passed Oregon CHIPS ([Senate Bill 4](#)) with bipartisan support. This historic legislation will lay the foundation for Oregon innovators and businesses to access billions of dollars in federal incentives to grow domestic semiconductor manufacturing.

"The federal government presented us with an opportunity, and with Senate Bill 4, the Legislature delivered," **said Oregon Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego)**. "With this bill, local businesses will be able to apply for billions in federal dollars and secure the future of Oregon's semiconductor economy."

Legislative leaders worked with urgency to move Senate Bill 4 early in the legislative session to ensure businesses will be able to use the grants and loans to apply for the first tranche of federal money. Oregon is one of the earliest states to advance legislation supporting and complementing the federal CHIPS and Science Act.

"This bipartisan, bicameral legislation will empower Oregon to retain our place as a global leader of innovation and make us a key part of securing the semiconductor supply chain," **said Senator Janeen Sollman (D-Hillsboro), co-chief sponsor of Senate Bill 4**. "But, most importantly, this bill will keep our kids close to home. We'll create the jobs and opportunities they need to grow their own futures and their own families in our communities — both urban and rural."

The \$210 million bill commits \$190 million in state funds to support applications by Oregon businesses for \$52 billion from the federal CHIPS and Science Act, which Congress enacted to boost domestic manufacturing of semiconductors. An additional \$10 million will go toward assisting local governments to prepare sites for semiconductor industrial development. The University Innovation Research Fund will also receive \$10 million for public universities to leverage federal research grants.

“To maintain our position as a leader in the semiconductor industry and protect U.S. national security, Oregon must take steps to improve our competitive footing. SB 4 is our strong start,” **said Senator Mark Meek (D-Oregon City), member of the Joint Committee on Semiconductors.** “With these investments in our semiconductor industry, Oregon will play a major role in keeping our country and our democratic partners around the globe safe.”

According to a recent [study](#), the addition of one semiconductor fabrication plant in Oregon could generate around 26,000 new jobs and \$2.8 billion in net revenue over 20 years.

“Semiconductor manufacturing is Oregon’s competitive advantage in the 21st Century economy,” **said Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton).** “Semiconductors are our present and our future. They are in everything from cars to credit cards – they power the modern world – and the most advanced chips are made right here in Oregon. Only Taiwan and South Korea can match our manufacturing capabilities, but with billions in federal dollars becoming available through the CHIPS Act, other states are already racing to catch us. We can’t let them.”

Senate Bill 4 also grants limited authority to the Governor to bring certain plots of land into the urban growth boundary for the purpose of semiconductor or advanced manufacturing. After a transparent public process and examination of land currently available, the Governor would be able to designate up to eight sites, two of more than 500 acres in size, six less than 500 acres. Cutting-edge semiconductor fabrication plants — or “fabs” — are up to 900 acres in size.

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